

Opinion: Cellular phone use must continue to be restricted.

Justification: Unlike standard in-line units, cellular phones do not retransmit your voice as heard by the receiver to the ear piece. As such, most cellular phone users speak at a significantly louder volume than when using a conventional handset. There is no technical solution to this and, as anyone who patrons theaters or restaurants knows, asking someone to talk more quietly never works. Now, consider the implications of 150 such people holding separate conversations on a 737NG/A320 where you cannot "step outside". Hence, we are simply not currently responsible enough to use cellular phones in flight and thus the ban should continue.